

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00868-RDM**

NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/13/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/13/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5421150) filed by NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to United States Department of State, # <u>3</u> Summons to United States Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons to United States Attorney for DC, # <u>5</u> Exhibit A, # <u>6</u> Exhibit B, # <u>7</u> Exhibit C)(Modarres, Shayan) (Entered: 04/13/2018)
04/13/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zmd) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
04/16/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) Modified number of summonses issued on 5/1/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 04/16/2018)
04/17/2018	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/17/18. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 04/17/2018)
04/19/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/19/2018 (Modarres, Shayan) (Entered: 04/19/2018)
04/19/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General April 19, 2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Delivery Confirmation)(Modarres, Shayan) (Entered: 04/19/2018)
04/24/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/23/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/23/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Delivery Confirmation)(Modarres, Shayan) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
05/22/2018	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/23/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for a status conference on June 29, 2018, at 11:15 a.m. in Courtroom 21, to discuss the schedule for further proceedings in this matter. The parties shall confer in advance of the status conference to narrow the issues for discussion. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/24/18. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/24/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 6/29/2018, at 11:15 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
06/18/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sirine Shebaya on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Shebaya, Sirine) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
06/21/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL. Attorney Shayan H. Modarres terminated. (Modarres, Shayan) (Entered: 06/21/2018)

06/29/2018		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Status Conference held on 6/29/2018. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before 8/10/2018 to update the court as to the searches and production of documents, as well as propose a schedule for moving forward. (Court Reporter: Jeff Hook.) (kt) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/09/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnathan James Smith on behalf of NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL (Smith, Johnathan) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
08/10/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before September 21, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/13/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/21/2018. (kt) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/20/2018	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Johnathan James Smith (Smith, Johnathan) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/20/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Sirine Shebaya (Shebaya, Sirine) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/22/2018	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Matthew W. Callahan, :Firm- Muslim Advocates, :Address- PO Box 34440, Washington, DC 20043. Phone No. - 202-897-2622. Fax No. - 202-508-1007 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5651616. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Matthew W. Callahan, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Johnathan) (Entered: 08/22/2018)
08/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Matthew W. Callahan may appear pro hac vice in this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/22/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 08/22/2018)
09/21/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 09/21/2018)
09/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before October 26, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/25/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/26/2018. (kt) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/26/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL. (Smith, Johnathan) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before November 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/29/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
10/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018. (kt) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
12/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before January 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/2/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 12/02/2018)
12/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/4/2019. (kt) (Entered: 12/03/2018)

12/28/2018	<u>19</u>	MOTION to Stay by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Text of Proposed Order)(Coles-Huff, Doris) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
12/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's motion for stay of filing joint status report <a href="#">19</a> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant's counsel shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department of Justice. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/28/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/28/2019	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of Restored Government Funding by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the government's notice <a href="#">20</a> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is UNSTAYED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before February 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/31/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/8/2019. (kt) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL. Attorney Johnathan James Smith terminated. (Smith, Johnathan) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <a href="#">22</a> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before March 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/7/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/8/2019. (dot) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <a href="#">23</a> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 26, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/8/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/26/2019. (kt) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
04/26/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 04/26/2019)
04/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <a href="#">24</a> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before June 26, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/30/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
04/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/26/2019. (kt) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report <a href="#">25</a> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before August 26, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/26/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/26/2019. (kt) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>26</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL. Attorney Sirine Shebaya terminated. (Shebaya, Sirine) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/26/2019)